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[REDACTED] REVEAL THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITY IN THE BAN BAC AREA

(1551N 10645E) OF THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE:

A. THERE IS EVIDENCE OF RECENT VEHICULAR ACTIVITY ON ROUTE 92 SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 92 ALTERNATE AT 1556N 10644E. THIS ROAD SEGMENT WAS REPORTED TO BE IN DISUSE IN FEBRUARY 1966 (REF). VEHICLE TRACKS ARE NOW OBSERVED AT 1551N 10646E FROM UTM XC896541 TO UTM XC903533 AND INTERMITTENTLY SOUTH TO THE END OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AT 1548N 10645E (UTM XC889478), 2.8 NM FROM ITS REPORTED TERMINUS (REF). THE PORTION OF ROUTE 92 SOUTH OF THE SE KONG (RIVER) SHOWS RECENT ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MINOR ROAD REALIGNMENT.

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B. A ROAD EXTENDS EAST FROM ROUTE 92 AT BAN BAC AT 1550N 10645E (UTM XC902525) ALONG THE NORTH BANK OF THE SE KONG, FORDS THE RIVER AT 1550N 10647E (UTM XC908522) AND JUNCTIONS WITH ROUTE 923 AT UTM XC909519.

C. ONE LARGE SUBMERGED CANOE, 3 LARGE DESTROYED CANOES AND 5 U/I SUBMERGED RECTANGULAR OBJECTS ARE OBSERVED IN THE VICINITY OF THE FERRY CROSSING AT THE TERMINUS OF ROUTE 92 ALTERNATE AT 1549N

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10645E (UTM XC887509).

D. AN ACCESS ROAD EXTENDS SOUTH/SOUTHEAST FROM ROUTE 92 AT 1549N 10645E (UTM XC888508) TO A POSSIBLE TRUCK PARK AT UTM XC890505. A VEHICLE TURN-AROUND IS LOCATED AT THE END OF THE ACCESS ROAD. CLUMPS OF VEGETATION HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE ACCESS ROAD IN AN ATTEMPT AT CAMOUFLAGE.

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MAP REF: UTM COORDINATES FROM AMS SERIES L7012, SHEETS 6358 I, II, III, & IV.

GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES FROM USATC SERIES 200 SHEET 0738-04HL

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